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A PROCLAMATION,

Appointing Skippers to give up Lists of their Passengers:

WILLIAM by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To
Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute Greeting: Whereas we are informed that several disaffected Persons who did go into, or remain in the Kingdom of *France*, during the late War, contrary to the late Act of Parliament made thereanent, are resolving to return privatly into this Our Kingdom; Therefore, and for preventing any Inconveniency that may arise thereupon, We have thought fit with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, to Command and Appoint, likeas, We hereby Command and Appoint, all Masters of Ships who shall bring home any Passengers from any Forraign Countrey after the date hereof, that they do detain them, and take Security of them for the effect after specified, until they be presented unto, and brought before one of the Members of Our said Privy Council, or before the Sheriff, Stewart, Lord of Regality, or Baillie of the Bounds within the which the said Ship shall happen to arrive, or their Deputs, or before the Magistrats of the Burghs or Ports at which the said Ships may arrive as said is, that the said Passengers may be by them examined, and if the said Sheriffs and other Officers of the Law, and their Deputs, or the foresaid Magistrats shall find the said Passengers, or any of them to be disaffected to Us and Our Government, or to have gone to, or remained in *France* contrary to Law during the said late War, or to have been banished Intercomuned, or Forefaulted, or that they cannot give a good Account of themselves, that then and in that case, the said Sheriffs and other Officers of the Law and Magistrats foresaid, make and keep the said Passengers Prisoners, until they acquaint the said Lords of Our Privy Council, and receive from them such Orders as they shall think fit to give in this matter; Certifying all Masters of Ships, and also all the said Sheriffs, Stewarts, Lords of Regality, Ballies and their Deputs, and Magistrats of the Burghs and Ports foresaid, who shall not observe, or who shall contraveen the Premisses, that they shall be proceeded against before the Lords of Our Privy Council, and by them punished with all rigour. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR, and we charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat-Crosses of the remanent Head-burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Intimation hereof that none pretend Ignorance; And Ordains these Presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the tenth day of May, and of Our Reign the Tenth Year. 1698.

Per Aſſum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT. Cls. Sti. Concilii.

GOD save the King,

Edinburgh, Printed by the Heirs and Successors of Andrew Anderson, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, Anno Dom 1698.